

HOUSE BILL 9034

By White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to a private school's authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 8, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, commonly referred to as COVID-19, including a mutation or variant of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019; and

(2) "Mask" means a material used to cover the nose and mouth of a person to impede the spread of saliva or other fluids during speaking, coughing, sneezing, or other intentional or involuntary action.

(b) Notwithstanding an executive order by the governor or any other law, a private school, which offers kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) or any combination of grades thereof, has sole authority to require a person entering the school's property to:

(1) Wear a mask due to COVID-19; and

(2) Provide proof of vaccination of COVID-19.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.